

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 5, 6, and 9-12. The status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium according to claim 5, wherein the monitoring policy includes a parameter that specifies how frequently the monitoring will be conducted.
3. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium according to claim 5, wherein the monitoring policy includes a parameter that specifies which object to monitor.
4. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium according to claim 5, wherein the monitoring policy includes a parameter that specifies which item to monitor.
5. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing a program for monitoring activities on a network, the program causing a computer system to function as:

monitoring policy setting means for setting a monitoring policy;

monitoring means for monitoring the network according to the policy set in said monitoring policy setting means; and

monitoring policy changing means for automatically changing the current monitoring policy being set in said monitoring policy setting means, according to a monitoring result reported by said monitoring means,

wherein said monitoring policy changing means automatically increases the frequency of the monitoring and adds a new object or item to the coverage of the monitoring, when degradation in service level of the network is observed.

6. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium storing a program for monitoring activities on a network, the program causing a computer system to function as:

monitoring policy setting means for setting a monitoring policy;

monitoring means for monitoring the network according to the policy set in said monitoring policy setting means; and

monitoring policy changing means for automatically changing the current monitoring policy being set in said monitoring policy setting means, according to a monitoring result reported by said monitoring means,

wherein said monitoring policy changing means automatically decreases the frequency of the monitoring and withdraws an existing object or item from the coverage of the monitoring, when improvement in service level of the network is observed.

7. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium according to claim 5, further storing a program which causes the computer system to function as resource setup changing means for changing a setup of a predetermined set of resources on the network according to the monitoring result reported by said monitoring means.

8. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium according to claim 5, further storing a program which causes the computer system to function as event detecting means for detecting the occurrence of a particular event in a predetermined resource on the network,

wherein said monitoring policy changing means changes the current monitoring policy in response to the particular event detected by said event detecting means.

9. (Currently Amended) A network monitoring system which monitors activities on a network, comprising:

monitoring policy setting means for setting a monitoring policy;

monitoring means for monitoring the network according to the policy set in said monitoring policy setting means; and

monitoring policy changing means for automatically changing the current monitoring policy being set in said monitoring policy setting means, according to a monitoring result reported by said monitoring means,

wherein said monitoring policy changing means automatically increases the frequency of the monitoring and adds a new object or item to the coverage of the monitoring, when degradation in service level of the network is observed.

10. (Currently Amended) A method of monitoring activities on a network, comprising the steps of:

- (a) setting a monitoring policy;
- (b) monitoring the network according to the policy set at said step (a) of setting; and
- (c) automatically changing the current monitoring policy that is originally at said step (a) of setting, according to a monitoring result obtained at said step (b) of monitoring,
- (d) automatically increasing the frequency of the monitoring and adding a new object or item to the coverage of the monitoring, when degradation in service level of the network is observed.

11. (Currently Amended) A network monitoring system which monitors activities on a network, comprising:

monitoring policy setting means for setting a monitoring policy;

monitoring means for monitoring the network according to the policy set in said monitoring policy setting means; and

monitoring policy changing means for automatically changing the current monitoring policy being set in said monitoring policy setting means, according to a monitoring result reported by said monitoring means,

wherein said monitoring policy changing means automatically decreases the frequency of the monitoring and withdraws an existing object or item from the coverage of the monitoring, when improvement in service level of the network is observed.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of monitoring activities on a network, comprising the steps of:

(a) setting a monitoring policy;

(b) monitoring the network according to the policy set at said step (a) of setting;

(c) automatically changing the current monitoring policy that is originally at said step (a) of setting, according to a monitoring result obtained at said step (b) of monitoring; and

(d) automatically decreasing the frequency of the monitoring and withdrawing an existing object or item from the coverage of the monitoring, when improvement in service level of the network is observed.